

## **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**May 3, 2026**

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

**PRELUDE**     *Christe Sanctorum*     HOBBY

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

*Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!*

**Amen.**

*Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.*

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.*

*Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. You guide us to springs of the water of life.*

*Blessed are you. You guide us to springs of the water of life. Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. You guide us to springs of the water of life.*

*Blessed are you. You guide us to springs of the water of life. Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. You guide us to springs of the water of life.*

*Blessed are you. You guide us to springs of the water of life. Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. Amen.*

**HYMN**    #558    *Lord God, We Praise You*     CHRISTE SANCTORUM

### **GREETING**

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all! And also with you.*

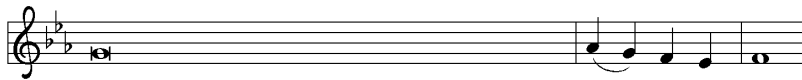
# KYRIE ELEISON [LORD HAVE MERCY]



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



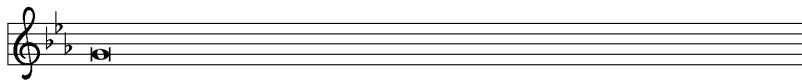
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



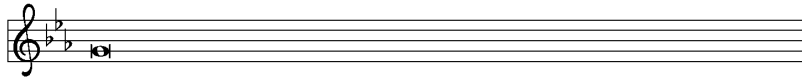
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

# WORTHY IS CHRIST



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Refrain*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Let us pray together. Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen*

## FIRST READING: Acts 7: 55-60

*Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.*

<sup>55</sup> Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" <sup>57</sup> But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup> Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup> While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup> Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

*The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

## PSALM 31: 1-5, 15-16



- <sup>1</sup> In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be | put to shame;  
deliver me | in your righteousness.
- <sup>2</sup> **Incline your | ear to me;**  
**make haste to de- | liver me.**
- <sup>3</sup> Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag | and my  
stronghold;  
for the sake of your name, lead | me and guide me.
- <sup>4</sup> **Take me out of the net that they have secretly | set for me,**  
**for you are my tow- | er of strength.**
- <sup>5</sup> Into your hands I com- | mend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, | God of truth.
- <sup>15</sup> **My times are | in your hand;**  
**rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute**  
**me.**
- <sup>16</sup> Let your face shine up- | on your servant;  
save me in your | steadfast love."

**BRASS ENSEMBLE (10:45): *Easter Fantasy on Ancient Hymns*** TUCKER

*The special music today was purchased in honor of John Adler*

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2: 2-10**

*Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.*

2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

4 Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and 5 like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

7 This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner,"

8 and

"A stone that makes them stumble  
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

10 Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

*The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*The Holy Gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.*

### GOSPEL: John 14: 1-14

*On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup> “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

*The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.*

**SERMON** *Pastor Tucker O’Leary, n/OLF*

**HYMN** #380 *Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!* FRED TIL BOD

### APOSTLES’ CREED

*With voices united, let us confess our faith*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS

*Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.*

*...Merciful God, receive our prayer.*

*God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.*

## CHILDREN's SERMON

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING *In the Quiet Consecration* CHERWIEN

OFFERTORY TFF 98 *Open Our Eyes* OPEN OUR EYES

Open our eyes, Lord,  
We want to see Jesus,  
To reach out and touch him,  
And say that we love him.  
Open our ears Lord  
And help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord,  
We want to see Jesus.

## OFFERING PRAYER

*Let us pray. Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows a musical score for 'Great Thanksgiving' in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff has the lyrics 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff has 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff has 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff has 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

*It is indeed right.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

## SANCTUS [HOLY, HOLY, HOLY]

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

*In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

## LORD'S PRAYER

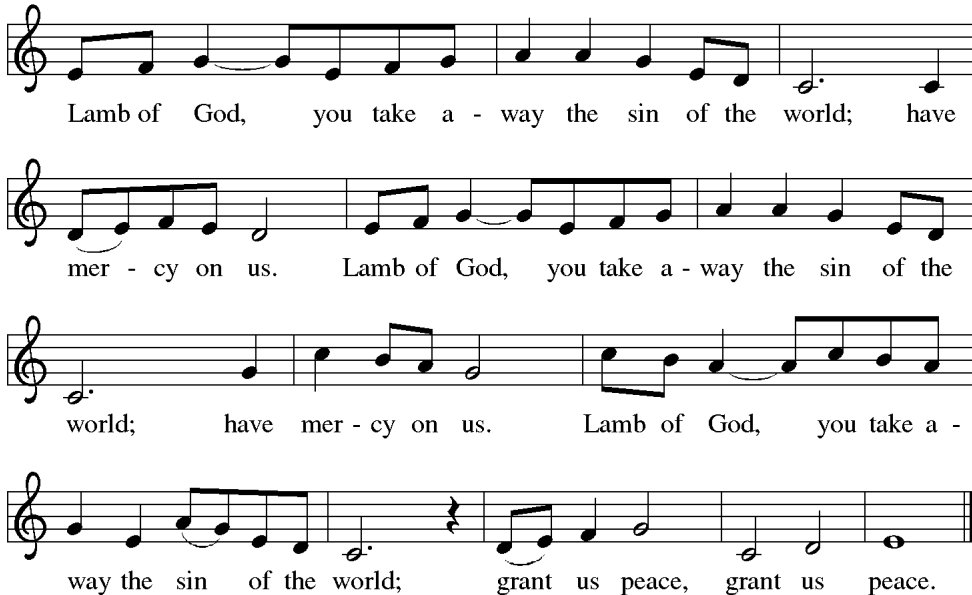
*Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.*

## AGNUS DEI [LAMB OF GOD]



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen*

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Let us pray. Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.*

**BLESSING**

*God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, † bless you now and forever. Amen.*

**SENDING HYMN #619 *I Know That My Redeemer Lives!* DUKE STREET**  
*(sing stanzas 1 - 4 only)*

**DISMISSAL**

*Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!*  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE *O Zion, Haste* WEBER**



*Shepherd Me, O Lord*

### **Welcome to First Lutheran Church.**

During our services of Holy Communion, we follow Jesus' teachings that all people are welcome to his table. This meal of faith, hope, and love is meant for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Feel free to come forward and receive the bread, or wheat-free and gluten-free wafer, along with a small cup of wine or grape juice. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest as a sign of your preference

**WE ASK EVERYONE** to complete the "Footprints" and list if you are communing or have a prayer request. You may write your prayer request(s) on the back. Please check YES for the name to be included in the bulletin or NO if you want the name to be known only to the prayer teams. We strive for confidentiality, so be sure you have the person's permission, or use only the first name. There are activity bags for our young worshippers. Please ask an usher for assistance.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS THIS MORNING** are given to the glory of God by Eric and Cheryl Huttenlocher, in honor of their third wedding anniversary.

**OFFICE HOURS** As of April 13th, the office hours have CHANGED to Monday—Thursday, 8:30am to 3:30pm. Thank you so much for your help as we make this transition! Please feel free to continue to order from Sink's Flowers for your altar flowers—we have coordinated deliveries with them. Thank you!

**A CARD WRITING MINISTRY** has been set up on a table outside the Narthex! The Social Ministry Committee encourages everyone to write a note to an At-Home member, to a member having a birthday, or just to someone you haven't seen in a while! Addresses for At-Home members and a list of monthly birthdays is available on the table. If you put the card in the basket available, the mailing will be handled by the office!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Looking for one or two people to learn to video the service and upload onto YouTube. Again, another service to the church that we need to follow up on. We need to retain our presence on YouTube. If you are interested to learn how this is done, please contact Cindy Fitzpatrick 419-348-0410 or fitzpatrick@findlay.edu

**SPECIAL MUSIC** Summer is coming soon, and maybe it will be warm! Worship and Music is Looking for special music for the summer services at 9:30 am. If you are willing and would like to provide some music, please contact Jon Hartman, choir director, at jon.hartman98@gmail.com. He will be scheduling the musical interludes.

**SEVERE STORMS, HURRICANES, AND NATURAL DISASTERS** across the United States have left many without power and/or without homes. With your support our church stands ready to walk with our neighbors as they rebuild. Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response ensure that survivors don't have to face the road to recovery alone. Through these disasters and others across the United States and around the world, Lutheran Disaster Response accompanies communities for as long as the recovery process takes. Together we follow Christ's call to share hope and healing with our neighbors in need. There are Lutheran Disaster Response envelopes in the narthex or you may mark your gift Lutheran Disaster Response.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** There will be a planning meeting for the coordinated Vacation Bible School between the Findlay area Lutheran Churches. If you would be interested in volunteering, there will be a planning meeting on Monday, May 4th at 4pm in room 212 in Trinity Lutheran, 935 W Bigelow Ave. Findlay. You can also contact Nicole at youth@trinityfindlay.org.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Christmas in July – A Journey to Bethlehem!**  
**July 13-17, 2026 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Findlay**

Youth in Preschool–5th grade (at least 3 years old) will experience the story of Jesus' birth through engaging stories, crafts, and games in a fun and meaningful way. VBS will take place from 9:00 AM–12:00 PM. This year, we're combining our programs, TLC Preschool will join our church youth, along with friends from St. John's Lutheran, First Lutheran, and First Presbyterian making it a wonderful opportunity to build friendships. Invite a friend to join! Contact Nicole at youth@trinityfindlay.org for more information.

**THE 2026 FLOWER CHART** is up in the hallway, across from the church office. There is a full year of Sundays that need flowers to brighten not only the altar, but also either your home or the home of a shut-in. Please consider this ministry as a way to share God's love for His people.

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA** 2026-27 planning meeting will be Thursday, May 21 at 1 PM. Come help plan our activities and bring new ideas. Note the change of date and time from our WELCA booklet.

**OPEN POSITION:** The position of Building Manager is available. Duties include opening and closing the church building, and the keep up and maintenance of the building. If interested, please contact Pastor Tucker or Casey Cox.